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Deputy Executive

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Office of the General Counsel

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Automobile Accident - [redacted]

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1. The attached file contains correspondence relating to an automobile accident in which a Government-owned vehicle driven by [redacted] collided with a private automobile on 21 December 1948. According to our driver's report, traffic ahead of him came to a sudden stop, and, on application of his brakes, he slid in a 135° arc and collided with a private vehicle approaching from the other direction. The street at the time of the accident was described as muddy and probably icy. Damage to the private vehicle amounted to \$33.40.

2. The report of the investigator states in part:

"...it is reasonable to assume that driver (CIA) was not paying strict attention to the operation of the Government vehicle and was probably exceeding the speed of 25 m.p.h., however, there is no evidence of gross negligence and it is feasible to conclude that driver could have controlled Government vehicle, if street had not been covered with mud, and possibly some ice and snow."

The file does not show any evidence of negligence on the part of the private individual whose car was damaged in the collision. Our driver is of course responsible at all times for complete control and careful operation of his vehicle, and while he may not have been guilty of gross or culpable negligence, he does appear to have been negligent in a lesser degree. It is therefore recommended that the claim of \$33.40 be paid under the authority of 26 USC Section 2672. If you concur, will you be kind enough to indicate your approval in the lower left-hand corner and the file will then be forwarded to the Chief, Finance Branch.

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cc: Chief, Transportation
Chief, Finance Branch

APPROVED: